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In re Application of:

Babu et al.

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For: DIAGNOSTIC MEDICAL
ULTRASOUND SYSTEM HAVING
METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR
STORING AND RETRIEVING 3D
AND 4D DATA SETS

Examiner: Unassigned

Group Art Unit No.: Unassigned

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

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Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, it is respectfully requested that this Information Disclosure Statement be entered and the documents listed below and on the attached Form PTO-1449 be considered by the Examiner and made of record. Copies of the listed non-patent literature documents required by 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(a)(2) are enclosed for the convenience of the Examiner.

The references now cited are the following:

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5,546,807	08/20/96	Oxaal et al.

6,128,002	10/03/00	Leiper
6,137,487	10/27/00	Mantha
6,370,413	04/09/02	Alvarez et al.
6,422,474	07/23/02	Gossweiler et al.
6,480,732	11/12/02	Tanaka et al.

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